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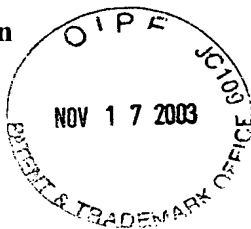
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2003, the shortened period of response to which is set to expire on November 21, 2003. Applicants hereby elect the continuing prosecution of Group I: Claims 1-6 and 8-10 without traverse.